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Define:

**Stedman's Medical Dictionary 27th Edition****hyperparathyroidism (hi'per-par-a-thi'royd-izm)**

A condition due to an increase in the secretion of the parathyroids, causing elevated serum calcium, decreased serum phosphorus, and increased excretion of both calcium and phosphorus, calcium stones and sometimes generalized osteitis fibrosa cystica. **primary h. h.** due to neoplasms or idiopathic hyperplasia of the parathyroid glands. **secondary h. h.** that arises as a result of disordered metabolism producing hypocalcemia, as in chronic uremia due to renal disease, malabsorption, rickets, or osteomalacia; associated with hyperplasia of the parathyroid glands.

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